

What is Claimed is:

1. A simulation calculation service providing
2 method of providing simulation calculation in a server
3 system connected to a user terminal apparatus and a
4 consultant terminal apparatus through a network,
5 comprising the steps of:
6 receiving a condition of the simulation
7 calculation from the user terminal apparatus as a user
8 presented condition;
9 registering the received user presented
10 condition;
11 receiving, from the consultant terminal
12 apparatus, a bidding condition from a consultant in
13 correspondence with the registered user presented
14 condition;
15 comparing the user presented condition with
16 the bidding condition and selecting a bidding condition
17 that coincides with the user presented condition;
18 inquiring of the user terminal apparatus about
19 whether the simulation calculation is to be executed on
20 the basis of the selected bidding condition; and
21 executing the simulation calculation in
22 accordance with an answer to the inquiry.

2. A method according to claim 1, further
2 comprising the steps of

3 estimating a price of the simulation
4 calculation on the basis of the received user presented
5 condition, and
6 transmitting an estimation result of the
7 estimated price to the user terminal apparatus and
8 inquiring about whether the simulation calculation is to
9 be executed.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein
2 the estimation step comprises the step of
3 determining on the basis of the user presented condition
4 whether the simulation calculation can be executed, and
5 the inquiry step comprises the step of
6 transmitting a determination result to the user terminal
7 apparatus and inquiring whether the simulation
8 calculation is to be executed.

4. A method according to claim 2, further
2 comprising the step of, when the answer to the inquiry
3 indicates an instruction for changing the condition of
4 the simulation calculation, estimating the price of the
5 simulation calculation again.

5. A method according to claim 2, further
2 comprising the steps of
3 billing a user who has requested the
4 simulation calculation the estimated price, and

5 paying an amount obtained by deducting a
6 commission from the estimated price to a consultant who
7 has made a successful bid for the simulation
8 calculation.

6. A method according to claim 1, further
2 comprising the step of causing the user terminal
3 apparatus and the consultant terminal apparatus to
4 access the server system by using at least one of an
5 Internet provider and a LAN.

7. A method according to claim 1, further
2 comprising the steps of
3 inputting the user presented condition by
4 using one of a browser and a graphical user interface
5 prepared in the user terminal apparatus, and other input
6 means, and
7 displaying a result of the simulation
8 calculation.

8. A simulation calculation service providing
2 system comprising:
3 a user terminal apparatus which comprises
4 simulation condition input means for inputting a
5 simulation calculation condition, and user terminal
6 communication means for transmitting the input
7 simulation calculation condition as a user presented

8 condition;
9 a consultant terminal apparatus which
10 comprises consultant input means for inputting a
11 consultant bidding condition for the user presented
12 condition, and consultant terminal communication means
13 for transmitting the input consultant bidding condition;
14 and
15 a server system which comprises matching means
16 comprising comparison means for comparing the user
17 presented condition with the bidding condition,
18 selection means for selecting a bidding condition that
19 coincides with the user presented condition, and inquiry
20 means for inquiring about whether simulation calculation
21 is to be executed on the basis of the selected bidding
22 condition, simulation means for executing the simulation
23 calculation in accordance with an inquiry result, and
24 transmission/reception means for transmitting the
25 inquiry and receiving the user presented condition, the
26 bidding condition, and an answer to the inquiry.

9. A system according to claim 8, wherein said
2 user terminal communication means and said consultant
3 terminal communication means access said server system
4 through at least one of an Internet provider and a LAN.

10. A system according to claim 8, wherein said
2 simulation condition input means comprises at least one

3 of a browser and graphical user interface, and other
4 input means.

11. A system according to claim 8, wherein said
2 user terminal apparatus further comprises display means
3 for displaying a simulation result.

12. A server system comprising:
2 matching means which comprises comparison
3 means for comparing a user presented condition as
4 simulation condition with a consultant bidding condition
5 for the user presented condition, selection means for
6 selecting a bidding condition that coincides with the
7 user presented condition, and inquiry means for
8 inquiring about whether simulation calculation is to be
9 executed on the basis of the selected bidding condition;
10 simulation means for executing the simulation
11 calculation in accordance with an inquiry result; and
12 transmission/reception means for transmitting
13 the inquiry and receiving the user presented condition,
14 the bidding condition, and an answer to the inquiry.

13. A system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising estimation means for executing estimation
3 about the simulation calculation on the basis of the
4 user presented condition.

14. A system according to claim 13, wherein said
2 estimation means comprises price estimation means for
3 estimating a price of the simulation calculation.

15. A system according to claim 13, wherein said
2 estimation means comprises calculation capability
3 determination means for determining whether the
4 simulation calculation can be executed.

16. A system according to claim 12, wherein said
2 comparison means compares the consultant bidding
3 condition with a rank to identify a technical capability
4 of a consultant who is to execute the simulation
5 calculation.

17. A system according to claim 12, wherein said
2 comparison means selects the condition that coincide
3 with the user presented condition on the basis of a
4 priority of the simulation calculation condition.

18. A system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising charging means for charging for the
3 simulation calculation.

19. A system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising encryption means for encrypting a signal to
3 be transmitted..

20. A system according to claim 13, further
2 comprising trial calculation means for executing
3 simulation calculation by way of trial for a non-member
4 user.

21. A system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising
3 authentication means for executing member
4 authenticating,
5 registration means for executing member
6 registration of a user, and
7 a DB which stores information of users who
8 have already been registered as members.

22. A system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising
3 information management means for transmitting
4 an acknowledge signal for requested information in
5 response to an access request, and
6 storage means for storing a result of the
7 simulation calculation.

23. A system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising simulation result analysis means for
3 transmitting, to the user terminal apparatus,
4 intellectual added value information added by a

5 consultant who has referred to a result of the
6 simulation calculation together with the result of the
7 simulation calculation.

24. A system according to claim 18, further
2 comprising money reception means for receiving
3 compensation for a consultant.

25. A computer-readable recording medium that
2 records a program for causing a computer to function as:
3 price estimation means for estimating a price
4 of simulation calculation on the basis of a user
5 presented condition as a simulation condition;
6 calculation capability determination means for
7 determining on the basis of the user presented condition
8 whether the simulation calculation can be executed;
9 comparison means for comparing the user
10 presented condition with a consultant bidding condition
11 for the user presented condition;
12 selection means for selecting a bidding
13 condition that coincides with the user presented
14 condition;
15 inquiry means for inquiring about the
16 simulation calculation is to be executed on the basis of
17 the selected bidding condition;
18 simulation means for executing the simulation
19 calculation in accordance with a result of the inquiry;

20 transmission/reception means for transmitting
21 the inquiry about results from said price estimation
22 means and said calculation capability determination
23 means and receiving the user presented condition, the
24 bidding condition, and answers to the results from said
25 price estimation means and said calculation capability
26 determination means;
27 charging means for charging for the simulation
28 calculation;
29 encryption means for encrypting the inquiry,
30 the user presented condition, the bidding condition, and
31 the answer to the inquiry; and
32 trial calculation means for executing
33 simulation calculation by way of trial for a non-member
34 user.